

The modern day alchemist

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Theory of Condensed Matter group



Black box prediction of drug behavior



Traditional approach is to study in a lab



Machine learning black box



Weight=183 Da



Predict properties of ibuprofen



The elemental Gordian knot – MCR-SCR talk April 2015 Imputation of Assay Bioactivity Data using Deep Learning Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling, 59, 1197 (2019)

Training data for machine learning



One curve that fits the data



Another curve that fits the data



Third curve that fits the data



Fourth curve that fits the data



Many curves fit the data



Summarize the model by the average for each drug



Capture the range of predictions



Validation data typically within one standard deviation



Average error is average of arrows (squared)

Activity



Impute 75% of data with smallest uncertainty





Drug 1 Drug 2 Drug 3 Drug 4

Impute 50% of data with smallest uncertainty





Drug 1 Drug 2 Drug 3 Drug 4

Impute 25% of data with smallest uncertainty



Improved performance by exploiting uncertainty



Kinase virtual screening accuracy comparable to four-concentration IC50s for realistically novel compounds J. Chem. Inf. Model., 57, 2077 (2017)

Different drugs can treat the same ailment









Focus on just high quality predictions



Open Source Malaria contest





Focus on compound most likely to work



Proposed molecule



Irwin, Whitehead, Wade, Segall, Conduit

Experimental validation



Irwin, Whitehead, Wade, Segall, Conduit

0.647 µM

Molecules proposed by other competitors



Experimental Validation of Predictive Models in a Series of Novel Antimalarials ChemRxiv.13194755 Exploit uncertainties to drill down on drugs most likely to work in practice

Designed experimentally verified drug in Open Source Malaria competition

Methodology also used in materials design

Taken to market through Optibrium and startup Intellegens